### HEATHER R. SWEREN, ESQUIRE

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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

## Brodsky, Renehan, Pearlstein & Bouquet, Chartered

*Partner*, 01/15 – Present

Associate, 09/06 - 12/14

Represent clients in negotiation, litigation in complex family law matters, including alimony, custody, child support, property division, and domestic violence. In that role, demonstrate superb use of research, writing, and oral communications skills while representing clients in all aspects of litigation and negotiations.

# **The Honorable William J. Rowan, III,** Circuit Court of Maryland, Montgomery County *Judicial Clerk*, 08/05 — 09/06

Reviewed, summarized and offered written recommendations regarding all pleadings, motions and files in all matters presented to the Court, primarily in the area of domestic relations. Generated Orders in family law matters. Assisted in jury trials with drafting of jury instructions. Drafted arguments and offered written recommendations concerning Administrative and District Court Appeals. Conducted legal research and advised the Court before and during Court proceedings.

## Anderson & Quinn, LLC, Rockville, Maryland

Law Clerk, 05/04 — 05/05

Drafted pleadings and other legal documents and conducted research in preparation for trials and hearings. Handled cases from start to finish by reviewing and analyzing claims and by performing all steps needed to resolve same.

# **The Honorable John W. Debelius, III,** Circuit Court of Maryland, Montgomery County *Legal Intern*, 01/04 - 05/04

Reviewed, evaluated and briefed cases and legal documents related to and in preparation for judicial proceedings. Conducted research to address claimants' pleadings and provided guidance for legal opinions and rulings.

### Stoner, Preston & Boswell, Chartered, Towson, Maryland

Law Clerk, 06/03 — 05/04

Drafted pleadings and other related documents and conducted legal research and analysis related to insurance defense, personal injury and family law matters.

## **The Honorable Gary G. Everngam,** District Court of Maryland, Montgomery County *Legal Assistant*, Summer 2003

Evaluated and summarized cases in preparation for upcoming court proceedings. Researched claimants' requests and drafted corresponding documentation. Organized case files and assessed the potential outcomes of claims.

#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND LEGAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Admitted Maryland Bar: December 2005 Maryland State Bar Association 2006-Present

Montgomery County Bar Association 2006-Present

Family Law Section Co-Chair 2016-2017; 2017-2018

Liaison to the Montgomery County Commission for Women 2013-Present

Programming Co-Chair 2011-2012

CLE Co-Chair 2010-2011

Women's Bar Association 2013-Present

Judicial Selection Committee 2015-Present

**Auction Planning Committee 2012** 

Montgomery County Inns of Court

Barrister 2014-2017

Associate 2007-2008; 2010-2011

Peer Review Committee, Attorney Grievance Commission of Maryland 2013-Present Maryland Family Law Update for Montgomery County and State Bar Association

presentation preparations 2011-Present

Bar Foundation Mock Trial, Judge 2008; 2015; 2016; 2017

Co-Author of *Developments in Family Law in 2015*, Trial Reporter, Journal of the Maryland Association for Justice, Inc., Winter 2015 Edition

Regular speaker for the Montgomery County Commission for Women family law seminars 2011-Present

Speaker for New Beginnings Divorce 101 Program

### SPECIAL TRAINING, CERTIFICATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS:

Certified Attorney for Children, 2010 Certified Mediator, 2005 Court-Appointed Trustee

### **HONORS:**

Super Lawyers Rising Star, 2012 – 2017

### **EDUCATION:**

University of Baltimore, School of Law, Baltimore, MD

Juris Doctor, May 2005

Cum laude; Top 20% of class

### University of Maryland, College Park, MD

Bachelor of Science, Psychology, May 2001

Certification in Women's Studies, May 2001

GPA 3.48; Academic Honors 4 semesters

Alpha Chi Omega Sorority